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1. FOLLOWING BACKGROUND AND COMMENT ON SELECTED AGENDA
TOPICS FOR SEPT. 16TH SESSION MAY BE USEFUL TO YOU.

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- AGENDA ITEM C - NATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF
THE ALLIANCE:

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- SUGGEST US DELEGATES REVIEW WORK OF INTERAGENCY
COMMITTEE ON NATO PUBLIC AFFAIRS INCLUDING REPORT SENT TO
USNATO WHICH, WITH SOME ADDITIONS, WAS SENT TO SECGEN
LUNS. BELIEVE WE ARE THE ONLY MISSION TO HAVE RESPONDED
TO CALL BY SECGEN FOR THESE REPORTS. WOULD ALSO BE WORTH-
WHILE TO BE UP TO DATE ON ACTIVITIES OF ATLANTIC COUNCIL.

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- AGENDA ITEM D: PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF THE
1977 BELGRADE CSCE REVIEW MEETING - NATIS DIRECTOR KOREN
HAS DISTRIBUTED A BACKGROUND DOCUMENT WHICH OUTLINES
POSSIBLE SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSIONS, AS WELL AS BACKGROUND
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NOTES FOR CONSIDERING EACH SUBJECT AREA. PAPER WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR YOU ON ARRIVAL. SOME AREAS LISTED ARE:

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- 1. WHAT IS SIGNIFICANCE OF BELGRADE IN OVERALL
CONTEXT OF DETENTE?

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- 2. COULD BELGRADE HARM DETENTE?

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- 3. WHAT ARE AIMS OF ALLIED COUNTRIES AT BELGRADE?
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- 4. WHAT WILL BE THE END PRODUCT AT BELGRADE?
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YOU MAY WISH TO SPEAK WITH MEMBERS OF CSCE DELEGATION WHICH
RECENTLY VISITED NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON
CSCE.

2. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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- U.S. HAD CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATED AN OPEN AND ACTIVE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLICY AND WE BELIEVE ANY INTERVENTIONS
OR COMMENTS ON THE PART OF THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD BE
BASED ON THIS PREMISE. WE HAVE NOTED IN PAST REPORTING
THAT NOT ALL NATO DELEGATIONS AGREE WITH THIS. WE BELIEVE
U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT ANY INITIATIVES
WHICH WILL RESULT IN A MORE ACTIVE AND OUTGOING PUBLIC
AFFAIRS PROGRAM.

3. LOOK FORWARD YOUR ARRIVAL. ADVISE TRAVEL PLANS AS
ENGEL AND/OR CLAUSSEN PLAN MEET AT AIRPORT. CLAUSSEN

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